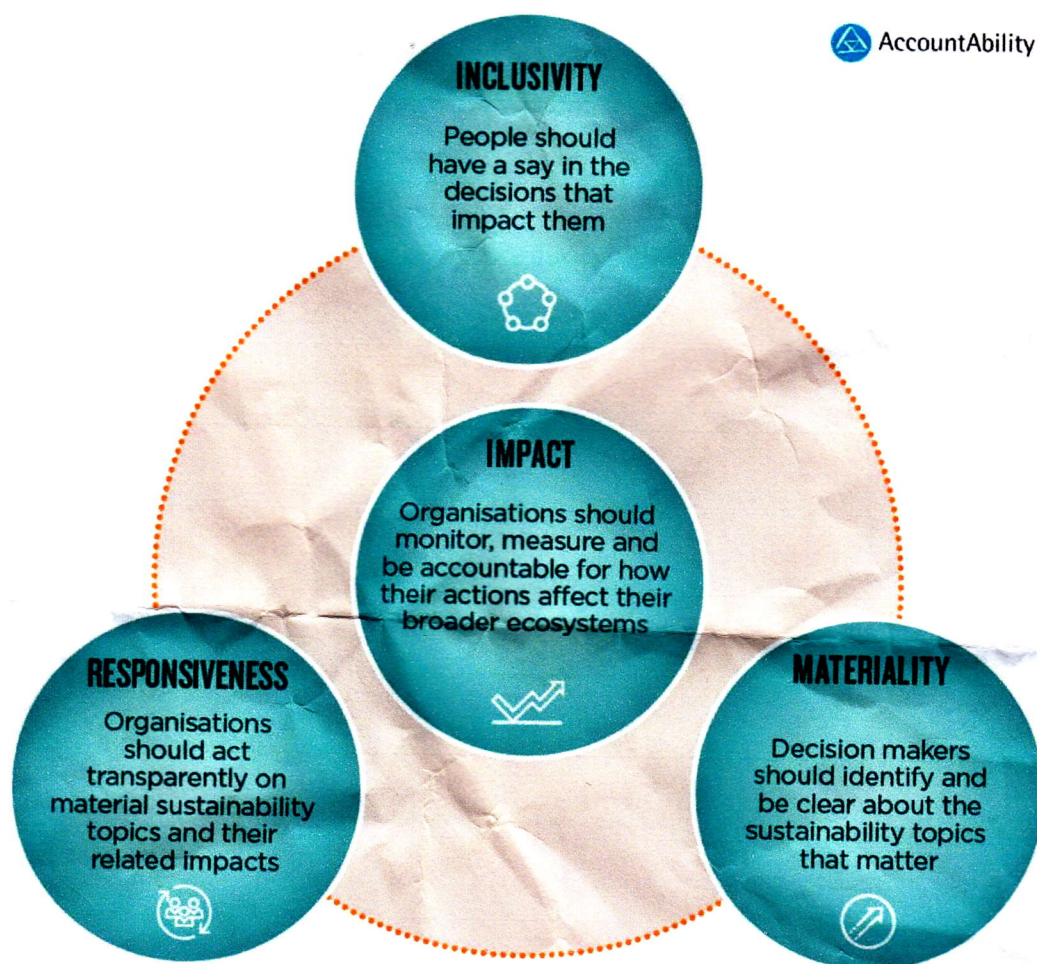


Transition Timeline

The AA1000AP (2018) replaces the previous AccountAbility Principles Standard (AA1000APS, 2008). For reports published from January 1st 2019 onwards, organisations seeking assurance through the AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS) should use the 2018 version. For reports published before this date, however, organisations can continue to use the AA1000APS (2008) if they prefer.



Dr. Sied Sadek, CEO of DQS CFS GmbH and a member of the AA1000 working group, explains the addition of the fourth principle as follows: "In the past couple of years, sustainability management is maturing into a results-based approach. The focus is not on good intentions, but in identifying and measuring impacts in a manner that enables all stakeholders to take appropriate action."